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Amendment to Claims

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Sir:

Please cancel Claims 1-10. Claims 11-20 are submitted to amend Claims 1-10 for re-examination in response to Office Action of 7-13-05. No new matter is being added by this amendment.

Amended claims:

11. A sustainer for a musical instrument, said musical instrument having at least one vibratile element which produces the sound of said instrument, said instrument also having one or more pickups for sensing the vibrations of said one or more vibratile elements, wherein said pickup produces an electrical pickup signal in response to vibrations of said vibratile element or elements, wherein said sustainer comprises:

(A) a controller/amplifier, said controller/amplifier comprising: